

February 24, 2013

SOVEREIGN GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH

Of Princeton, New Jersey

Jesus Christ

For by Him were all things created,
that are in heaven, and that are in earth,
visible and invisible ...

And He is before all things,
and by Him all things consist.
- Colossians 1:16-17

WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday: 10:15 AM Bible Class
11:00 AM Morning Service
Thursday: 7:30 PM Mid-week Service

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

10: 15 a.m. Bible Class followed by short break

11:00 a.m. Service

Opening Hymns

Scripture Reading

Message

Closing Hymn

Nursery Today: Carol D. **Nursery Thursday:** Michelle L

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The one who is guilty when a sinner is cut off from God is not God—“He delighteth in mercy!” (Mic 7: 18) When a sinner is separated from God it is, “*for your iniquities have ye sold yourselves, and for your transgressions.*” (Is 50: 1) Sinners are not to be pitied, but to be blamed. God is not to be blamed, but to be believed.

A Law for Religious Legalists

“Ye shall not rule over one another.” (*Deuteronomy 25:46*)

Religious legalists, Pharisees, love to invent laws and try to enforce laws upon others. They love to sit in judgment over others and quickly make determinations as to whether a person is saved or lost, holy or unholy, sanctified or unsanctified based upon their observation of that person’s obedience or lack of obedience to their rules, laws, customs, traditions, and opinions. To all who love law and like to think yourselves holier than the rest of us poor rakes, here’s a law I would love for you to at least try to obey. — “*Ye shall not rule over one another.*” Wouldn’t that be delightful!

Don Fortner

DELIVERED AND RAISED AGAIN

Romans 4: 23-25

What the Lord Jesus Christ did while he walked this earth, hung on the cross, went to the grave and rose again each elect child of God did in him.

Delivered for our Offences

Christ Jesus gave himself voluntarily into the hands of men, justice, and death. He did it to finish the transgression, to make an end of sins, to make reconciliation for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness and so that the offences of his people could never again condemn his people.

In order to do so, Christ had to bear the sins of his elect in his own body on the tree. Christ knew no sin; Christ never sinned personally. He bore the sins of those chosen and given to Christ by God the Father before the world began. (Gal 1: 4) God the Father delivered his Son according to his determinate counsel and foreknowledge, to declare his righteousness, that God might be just and the Justifier of him which believes in the Lord Jesus Christ. God in his strict justice demanded the death of his Son in order to satisfy justice for his people. (Ro 3: 26; 2 Co 5: 21) So Christ Jesus died in the room and stead of his people. By dying, Christ made satisfaction for the sins of every elect child of God. His death obtained, accomplished, satisfied divine justice for each elect child of God.

Raised Again for our Justification

Remember that what Christ did, each elect child of God did in Christ. When Christ died he justified all for who he died. When Christ raised again, God declared before all that Christ was legally discharged, acquitted, and justified and so was his church in him. (Is 50: 8) Christ's resurrection declares that when Christ passed from death to life, the Church, purchased with His blood, arose in Him, legally and fully discharged. The emerging of the Redeemer from the grave was the emerging of the redeemed from all condemnation. His release from death was our release from death.

In the Old Testament type, the high priest slew the lamb at the altar then the living, spotless, high priest, with blood, not with a dead lamb, went into the most holy place and sprinkled the blood upon the mercy-seat. Having put away our sin and obtained eternal redemption for us by his death, Christ our living, spotless High Priest passed into heaven to present himself before God with his own blood. It was after Christ had purged our sin that Christ rose into the presence of God and sat down. He is our acceptance with God. (He 9: 12, 24-28) He is seated in glory

because the work is finished. (He 1: 3) His resurrection declares that his work is accepted by the Father. (He 1:13; Acts 5: 31; Ro 8: 32-34)

The Righteousness of Christ is Imputed to Believers

Do you believe Christ was delivered for your offenses? Do you believe Christ satisfied divine justice for you by his death? Do you believe that when Christ arose you were raised in him? (Ro 5: 10)

Faith is not merely to believe in the facts. True faith believes Christ, that Christ accomplished our salvation so that we rest all our hope in him. We believe we have been made the righteousness of God in Christ. Peter says, "God raised him from the dead, and gave him glory, that your faith and hope might be in God." Faith believes that we died in Christ, and because he lives we live, righteous in Christ. And we believe we shall live with him. (Ro 6: 8-14) If we have been regenerated then we live now by Christ living in us and we shall live forever by him. (Gal 2:20) Christ told his disciples, "Because I live, ye shall live also". (Jo 14:19) The peace and hope and rest for the believer is Christ. Our life now and forever is Christ, and is secure, in Christ our Resurrection and our Life. We have everlasting life now, and shall have everlasting glory hereafter. (Jn 11: 25-26)

Believest thou this? "She saith unto him, Yea, Lord: I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world." (Jn 11: 27) "For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him." (1 Thess 4: 14)

John 3:36: He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.

Christ Assures the Church (Outline of last Sunday's message)

Christ Jesus our Prophet, Priest and King assures his church that he shall call, bless and increase his church (Is 51: 1-3). Christ Jesus our Prophet, Priest and King assures his church that his gospel shall be published effectually from him from his church (Is 51: 4-6). Christ Jesus our Prophet, Priest and King therefore gives us the command to not fear the reproach of men for he shall destroy them but his righteousness and his salvation shall remain forever (Is 51: 7-8).